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## STELLE BALKAN

    Attached is a complete translation of a report by Oberwachtmeister Riel, linguist attached to Balkan W/T Jamming Control Station. The report was written during October, 1945, and was received from G.S.I(S) Vienna via M.I.8.

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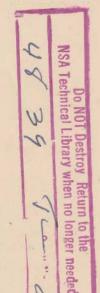Major Morgan

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Report on my activity in Signals Intelligence
and with the Balkan W/T Jamming Control Station.

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My name is Johann Riel, I was born on 11.5.1915 in Andritz
near Graz and am Roman Catholic. My mother is a Croat from
Slavonia. My father is a mill owner. I have also learnt the trade of
miller and have passed the master millers' examination. I have
been married since 1941 and have two children. My parents, my
wife and I were never in the N.S.D.A.P. We were never followers of
this ideal, our anti-Nazi attitude was known in Andritz.

From 1.9.1936 to 1.9.1937 I served as a one year volunteer
(officer cadet) in the Austrian Confederate Army. After the
outbreak of war I was with Anti-tank Ersatz Abteilung 48 at the
Dominican Barracks in Graz.

On the basis of the interpreter report I was transferred from
the anti-tanks to Fixed Intercept Station, Graz - Liebenau via
OC of Intercept Troops, East by a teleprinter order. From
6.6.40 to 2.7.42 I was with this unit with rank of
Wachtmeister and from 1.8.41 I was employed as interpreter for
Serbo-Croat with the rank of Oberwachtmeister. My task was to
translate the plain language wireless messages and the cipher
messaged broken by the deciphering section into German. Location
of my unit and address:    from the outbreak of war to the end of
the war:

Field Post number 34538
Open address in Graz
Fixed intercept station Graz, in Phaleron near Athens
Fixed intercept station 5 and later
Fixed Signals Reconnaissance Abteilung 5

Major Singer was OC of the unit from Graz to Athens.  In
Phaleron Hauptmann Dr. Bauer-Mayer from Graz - a good Austrian -
was my commanding officer.  In Greece the Austrian officers of our
unit were removed including Dr. Bauer-Mayer who had proposed my
commission.  Oberleutnant Lehmann, a fanatical Nazi, came to replace
him and he transferred the Austrians from the unit. Lehmann cancelled
my application for a commission and since the summer of 1942 I
have not exerted myself to become an officer in the German
Armed Forces.  I was, therefore, transferred on 2nd July, 1942 by
Oberleutnant Lehmann as being a tiresome Austrian to the
Interpreters Ersatz Abteilung at Meissen in Saxony and I there
attended the Greek language class. I passed the final
examination as signals interpreter for Greek and in mid-March
1943 was transferred as signals interpreter for Serbo-Croat and
Greek to the Broadcast Jamming Centre at Salonika which was later the
Balkan Jamming Control Station.

At the Balkan Jamming Control Station I was engaged as
interpreter - listener for the Allied broadcasts in Serbo-
Croat and Greek.    When the unit was given an establishment on
1.8.44 with the title "Balkan Jamming Control Station" my
rank was acting Hauptwachtmeister, which I held until the
end of the war.  From 22.2.43 to 1.8.44 - Broadcast Jamming
Centre, from 1.8.44 to the end of the war - Balkan Jamming
Control Station.    Locations:-

| From | 22.2.43 | to | 26.8.43 | Salonika |
|------|---------|----|---------|----------|
| " | 30.8.43 | " | 3.10.44 | Belgrade |
| " | 4.10.44 | " | 27.10.44 | Vukovar |
| " | 29.10.44 | " | 19.4.45 | Zagreb |
| " | 22.4.45 | " | 8.5.45 | Moosburg near Portschach in Carinthia |

Subordination:  Until the transfer to Belgrade - to the
2nd Wireless Company of Army Signals Regiment 521.  In Belgrade,
the 2nd Wireless Company then to the OC of Signals Reconnaissance 4
and to Signals Reconnaissance Company 964.  Since Vukovar, to
Signals Reconnaissance Abteilung 16.  From 5.3.1945 to the
Army Group Signals Regiment in Podsured near Zagreb.  From
approximately 10.4.1945 directly to Army Group Senior Signals
Officer of Army Group E/F.  Task of the Jamming Control
Station:-  determining of all frequencies on which Allied
broadcasts were radiated in the following languages:-
1)  Serbo-Croat    2)  Greek    3)  Bulgarian    4)  Hungarian
5)  Rumanian    6)  Turkish    7)  Arabic    8)  Italian    9)  German.


The translated texts of broadcast transmissions were
combined into a daily broadcast report with the following
distribution:-  GHQ  of Army Group F, 1C., GHQ of Army Group E, 1C.,
Panzer AOK 2, 1C., Army Group F Senior Signals Officer and 1 copy
spare.

The frequencies are forwarded once a month in a frequency
alterations report to the Jamming Stations at Zagreb, Belgrade,
Budapest, Bucharest, Sofia and Athens.  Finally, when we
co-operated more closely with the Jamming Station in Zagreb, the
jamming station had 3 transmitters at its disposal.  1 transmitter
of 250 watts and 2 transmitters each of 60 watts which were taken
away in an undamaged condition on 8th May, 1945 from St. Peter near
Moosburg in Carinthia by the British Military authorities.

Jamming with technical modulation tone could only be carried
out to a small extent since there was a shortage of the necessary
jamming  transmitters in all the Balkan countries.  In Zagreb only
3 frequencies could be jammed simultaneously as only 3 jamming
transmitters were available.  London transmitted in Greek on 7 to 9
frequencies simultaneously.

Oberleutnant Welt was detached by the OC of Signals Recon-
naissance 4 to form the unit in Salonika.  Oberleutnant Welt was a
Nazi and not popular with us.  From 26.6.44 to 20.1.45 Leutnant
Gerschwitz of Fixed Signals Reconnaissance Station 5, an anti-Nazi
and son of a parson and very popular, commanded the unit.


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